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### **RIDE awards \$9 million in adult-education grants to 35 agencies**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) announced today (Tuesday, July 13, 2010) the awarding of more than \$9 million in grants to 35 agencies to support adult education across the state.

The grants, which include both state and federal funds, will support programs designed to help learners 16 years of age or older with low skills or limited proficiency in English to complete their education, support themselves and their families, advance their careers, and meet the needs of Rhode Island employers.

“Adult education is a vital part of our education system in Rhode Island, and it is too often overlooked,” said Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “We estimate that there are about 150,000 potential adult learners in our state, which is more than the total number of students enrolled in our public-school system. These potential adult learners are a great but untapped resource for Rhode Island. High-quality programs, such as the ones we are funding with these grants, will help ensure that all adults will have the skills and credentials they need to advance in life and that all Rhode Island employers will have access to a pool of workers with the skills they need to compete and grow.”

To ensure efficient and effective state-level programming and service delivery at the local level, RIDE has partnered with other state agencies, including the Department of Labor and Training and the Governor’s Workforce Board, as well as with local workforce-development boards, colleges, school districts, and community-based organizations.

The funds awarded today will be tied to performance and outcomes. To qualify for renewal of the grants, the recipients will have to meet specific performance goals outlined in their grant applications. RIDE staff members will conduct quarterly reviews to ensure that programs are in compliance and that they are making progress.

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Effective programs will advance the goals of the [RIDE strategic plan](#), “Transforming Education in Rhode Island.” These goals include:

- the alignment of adult secondary- and postsecondary-education policies with nationally benchmarked college- and career-readiness standards; and
- the expansion of adult education that supports career pathways for youth and adults in the critical and emerging sectors of the Rhode Island economy.

In February, RIDE released a Request for Proposals for Adult Education for College, Work & Career, Family, and Community, seeking proposals from providers with the overall goal that all Rhode Island adults will have the skills and credentials they need for upward mobility (college and career), for engaged citizenship, and for leading strong families and communities.

RIDE received more than 40 proposals, with a total funding request of \$15,513,928. Seven separate interagency review teams completed rigorous reviews of applications. The agencies received awards in amounts ranging from \$90,000 to \$1,089,763, for a total investment of slightly more than \$9 million (approximately \$2 million in state funds, \$7 million in federal funds).

*A list of the Rhode Island agencies receiving adult-education grants for 2010 and the amounts received is attached.*

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**Agencies receiving RIDE Adult Education Grants  
July 13, 2010**

<b>Provider Agency</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Amos House	112,500
Blackstone Valley	184,777
Central Falls Even Start Family Literacy	67,776
Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)	335,579
Comprehensive Community Action	186,250
Cranston Alternate Education Program	257,465
Crossroads	155,303
Department of Corrections	90,000
Dorcas Place	1,089,763
East Bay Community Action	301,580
Education Exchange	355,625
English for Action	284,500
Genesis Center	867,910
Goodwill Industries	206,506
Institute for Labor Studies (ILS)	213,750
International Institute of RI	599,675
John Spellman/Deaf Literacy Program	63,750
Literacy Volunteers-East Bay	75,000
Literacy Volunteers-Washington	60,000
Newport- Aquidneck Island Learning Center	186,477
Pawtucket Even Start/COZ	442,389
Progreso Latino	517,000
Project Learn	388,025
Providence Community Action	120,000
Providence Housing Authority	179,250
Providence Plan/Youth Build	162,000
Rhode Island College	120,000
RI Family Literacy Initiative (RIFLI)	187,295
RI Indian Council	120,000
RI Regional Adult Education (RIRAL)	1,056,913
South County CAP	81,916
Tri-town Student Leadership	126,588
Tri-town CAP	99,025
Westbay CAP	113,750
Woonsocket Even Start	89,898
Year Up	112,500